Exam preparation for 90379 Analyse a Visual or Oral Text – 3 EnglishCredits

Film details : One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest, directed by Milos Forman in 1975 Assessment criteria:



This booklet contains sample a guide to writing an exam essay, a model for planning paragraphs, some questions from a previous exam and an Excellence exemplar. Use it to help with your study and essay practice.

Some review comments on One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest

“Cuckoo’s Nest... poses the now-familiar question, who is insane -- the keepers or the kept?” *Variety Magazine*

“On the surface, the movie is about the struggle of wills between patient R.P. McMurphy (Jack Nicholson) and Nurse Ratched (Louise Fletcher). Beneath the surface, it's about the attempts of an autocratic force to squash the individual.” *Variety Magazine*

“Incarcerated for relations with an underage girl, Nicholson's balding McMurphy is a testosterone driven man of the people, who takes his place as a liberator in the florescent lit rooms of a state mental facility overseen by Nurse Ratched (played by Louise Fletcher in an Oscar winning performance), a tightly wound bureaucrat and borderline sadist. McMurphy is attempting to work the system by allowing himself to be transferred from a prison work farm to the softer confines of a mental institution to finish his relatively short sentence. The film is an editorial commentary on the '60s mental institution system, as well as a skewering of American politics and ideologies of social repression.” *Colesmithey.com*